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ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 1992, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In addition to the nominations contained in document CERD/SP/42, the Secretary-General has received the following further nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 19 January 1992 in accordance with the provisions of article 8 of the Convention:

Mr. Ousman Diao Balde (Guinea)
Miss Florizelle A. O'Connor (Jamaica)

2. The biographical data of the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to this document.

ANNEX

Ousman Diao Balde (Guinea)

Personal data

Born: 2 January 1957 at Tougu

Parents: El Hadj Saikou Balde and Nene Yaya Balde

Married, with one child

Education

1966-1972: Primary education (C.E.P.E.)

1972-1975: Secondary education (B.E.S.C.T.)

1975-1978: Lycee (single baccalaureat)

1978-1983: Higher education: Diploma of advanced studies in law (D.E.S.)

Subject of thesis: Supranationalty in the ECOWAS context

Military training

1 September - 20 October 1983 at Conakry

Professional experience

22 October 1983 - 14 April 1985: assessor at the Court of First Instance of Lelouma

14 April 1985: Posting to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

18-28 May 1988 at Dakar: participation in the eighteenth session of the external programme of the Hague Academy of international law.

January 1989: Appointed Chief of the Legal Studies Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17-22 April 1989 at Conakry: participation in the national seminar on human rights organized by the United Nations

24 April - 2 May at Banjul: participation in the African seminar on human rights organized by the United Nations

26-28 March at Conakry: participation in the United Nations seminar on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

9-15 September 1989 at Vienna: Guinean representative to the Third Interregional HONLEA (Heads of National Law Enforcement Agencies) organized by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC)

8-12 July 1991 in Cairo: participation in the seminar on human rights organized by the United Nations

8-12 April 1991 at Nairobi: Guinean representative to the Fourth African HONLEA organized by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC)

Spoken languages:

National languages: Pular, Sousbou

Foreign language: French

Florizelle A. O'Connor (Jamaica)

Education

Attended Queen's High School, Kingston, Jamaica

GCE Ordinary ("O") and Advanced ("A") levels Certificates with distinction in English Language

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), History (Honours) - University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

Certificate and Diploma in Mass Communication - University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

Work experience

Producer/Scriptwriter/News reporter, Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation, Public Affairs Division

Produced both television and radio programmes with special emphasis on social themes, for example the following:

Television programme entitled The Verdict is Yours, a discussion programme on current issues

Roundabout, an investigative programme on the lives of ordinary Jamaican citizens

Magazine-type radio programmes

1981 to date: Coordinator - Jamaica Council for Human Rights

Responsible for the administration of the Council's office and implementation of policies

Represented Jamaica at a number of international human rights conferences, including the African National Congress (ANC) Peoples of the World Congress held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

The Council is the only human rights organization in Jamaica and the oldest in the Caribbean

During the last five years, the Council has broken new ground in the area of hearings before Their Lordships of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London and at present receives assistance from over 30 law firms in London which handle legal matters on a voluntary basis on the Council's behalf.

The Council carries out a public education programme centred mainly on the issue of apartheid, in response to the call made by the United Nations to intensify attempts to dismantle the inhuman system of apartheid. This programme involves cultural concerts, using Nelson Mandela's birthdate as a focus each year, seminars and lectures to churches, teachers, students, clubs and civil association groups. These have resulted in a general heightening of consciousness of the issue of apartheid in particular and of the wider issue of racial discrimination in the world.

The Council has been pivotal in arranging for visits by international missions to Jamaica to analyse the human rights situation, e.g., Americas Watch, which deals with police excesses, and Amnesty International, which deals with capital punishment.

The Human Rights Council is responsible for making contact with international organizations on a wide range of human rights issues, i.e., both United Nations and other related organizations, and works very closely with the United Nations Human Rights Committee, the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid, the Council for Namibia and ANC.

Miss O'Connor has represented Jamaica at several conferences sponsored by the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid, the Council for Namibia and UNESCO as well as by several other international organizations.

Other related activities

1973-1980: Public Relations Officer - People's National Party

Member of Press Team accompanying Prime Minister Michael Manley to Non-Aligned Conference in Algiers

Also toured African continent and visited Cuba with the Prime Minister.

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